

To: Members of Resident Council

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I am giving notice that at our next semi-annually meeting I will make the following motion:

“Mister Chairman, I move to amend the Bylaws.”

Following is a sample ballot showing **ORIGINAL / OLD** articles that I propose to replace with **PROPOSED / NEW** articles. As someone(s) might want to divide the question, I have divided the ballot into eight (8) sections so that each Resident can easily vote for or against each of the eight (8) sections. You may notice that Article VI is listed twice; that is how it is in the original Bylaws.

My authority here is the Bylaws, and more particularly:

VII. Meetings

Meetings will be held the last Thursday of each month at 1 pm.

An open meeting will be held quarterly semi-annually for all residents to participate.

Additional meetings of the council may be called as needed and when authorized by the Executive Committee.

Presently the system is rigged against the Residents. My proposal here will give Residents the **power to elect Council members, oversight of changes to the Bylaws, and oversight of the general process and policy** that Resident Council follows.

The Bylaws do not adequately explain how “notice” for this should be given to the Resident Council or to the Residents. As “notice” is not explained in the Bylaws, we must rely on Robert’s Rules of Order, 11th Edition. Council could bring this matter up at the next meeting, and accept my material into the minutes; this would be “notice” for Council members. I am not sure how Resident Council would give notice to the Residents of this matter (material). However, before an open meeting to vote on this motion, Resident Council would need to give similar notice to the Residents. There is no scheduled open meeting that I am aware of. The voting requirement will be two-thirds (2/3) of those Residents who are present and voting. This is similar to a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted.

I would like to meet with one of you, perhaps the President. I am willing to prepare the material (all necessary copies, etc.) at my expense. I want to cooperate with you and I want this process to be as smooth as possible.

----- **Proposed Amendment #1** -----

ORIGINAL / OLD

I. Name

The name of the organization shall be The Statesman Resident Council

PROPOSED / NEW

I. Name of Organization

The name of the organization shall be the Brookdale Statesman Club Resident Council, or "the Council."

This document shall be known as the Bylaws of the Resident Council of the Residents at Brookdale Statesman Club ("the Bylaws") in Oklahoma City. The Residents elect people to serve on Council once a year. Council offers feedback and ideas to management as another source of communication.

Circle your choice.

I vote [**in favor of**] [**against**] the proposed change to the Bylaws.

----- **Proposed Amendment #2** -----

ORIGINAL / OLD

II. Purpose

The purpose of The Statesman Resident Council is to:

- A. Give Residents greater participation in affairs within the facility
- B. Suggest improvements and help the administration provide better programs, surroundings, and services
- C. Promote friendship and understanding among residents
- D. Provide and receive necessary information for the benefit of all Residents

PROPOSED / NEW

II. Purpose

Council promotes friendship, a satisfying lifestyle for the residents, understanding among residents.

Council promotes the development of programs designed to meet the physical, intellectual, spiritual, and social needs of the Residents and staff.

Council represents Residents' views to the management. Council endeavors to foster a deeper understanding of the needs and problems of residents and staff. Council strives to offer suggestions for the resolution of these needs, problems, or concerns. Council strives to give Residents greater participation in affairs within the facility. Council suggests improvements and helps the administration provide better programs, surroundings, and services.

Circle your choice.

I vote [**in favor of**] [**against**] the proposed change to the Bylaws.

----- **Proposed Amendment #3** -----

ORIGINAL / OLD

III. Membership

A Representative Structure is in place for membership. There will be six representatives per floor, two from each wing, with a total of 18 representatives serving on the council. Terms of each member will last 2 years.

PROPOSED / NEW

III. Membership

A Representative Structure is in place for membership. There will be a total of eighteen (18) representatives serving on the council. Terms of each member will last two (2) years. Half of the members (9) will be elected each year.

Circle your choice.

I vote [**in favor of**] [**against**] the proposed change to the Bylaws.

----- **Proposed Amendment #4** -----

ORIGINAL / OLD

VI. Officers and Their Duties

Officers of the council shall be elected every one year and include:

President- shall preside over all meetings

Vice-President- Presides in the absence of the president

Recording Secretary- Records and maintains the minutes of each meeting and ensures they are posted in the elevator and distributed to all members of the council with in one week of the monthly meeting.

Committee Chairperson- Oversee all Standing Committees

PROPOSED / NEW

VI. Officers and Their Duties

Each year after the **Residents elect** nine (9) members to serve on Council. Council will elect its officers.

At a minimum, Council will elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Council may elect more officers as needed.

Circle your choice.

I vote [**in favor of**] [**against**] the proposed change to the Bylaws.

----- **Proposed Amendment #5** -----

ORIGINAL / OLD

V. Committees

The council shall have an Executive Committee who will serve for one year.

The members of the Executive Committee will include the four elected officers and the main duty of this committee will be planning the agenda for the monthly meeting in coordination with the appropriate staff member.

Other Standing Committees will include: Dining/Food Committee, Activities Committee, Volunteer Committee, Welcoming Committee, and Employee Christmas Gift Committee. Each Standing Committee will have 3 members who will serve for one year, with the exception of the Employee Christmas Gift Committee, which will only be in effect from October to December of each year.

Temporary committees can be established by appointment on an as needed basis.

PROPOSED / NEW

V. Committees

- (a) There will be no executive committee, or anything resembling it where certain people are members by virtue of holding some other position.
- (b) Council will, by a **majority vote**, create and fill committees as and when needed.
- (c) Committees may include but are not limited to, Dining/Food Committee, Activities Committee, Volunteer Committee, Welcoming Committee, Employee Christmas Gift Committee.

Circle your choice.

I vote [**in favor of**] [**against**] the proposed change to the Bylaws.

----- **Proposed Amendment #6** -----

ORIGINAL / OLD

VI. Elections

Elections of officers will be held annually during the month of February. The elections will be conducted using written ballots listing nominations for each office. Nominations will be made at the meeting prior to the election. Nominations will be made and representatives elected by current resident council members. Terms of officers shall begin on April 1st and last for one year.

PROPOSED / NEW

VI. Elections

Elections of members to serve on Council will be held annually at an open meeting where all Residents can vote and participate in all other ways. Nominations will be done in writing between twenty (20) days and five (5) days before the open meeting. There will be no limit to the number of nominees.

Residents will elect nine (9) new Council members. New Council members will be elected at large. The elections will be conducted by written ballots (ballot voting). Council will prepare ballots in advance. Being elected requires receiving a plurality, not a majority, of votes; the purpose being to avoid multiple runoffs. Terms of officers shall begin on April 1st and last for one year.

Circle your choice.

I vote [**in favor of**] [**against**] the proposed change to the Bylaws.

----- **Proposed Amendment #7** -----

ORIGINAL / OLD

X. Amendments

Amendments may be made to these bylaws at any regular or special meeting of the council, by a 2/3 vote, providing suggested changes have been read at the previous meeting. Amendments will go into effect 7 days after the vote.

PROPOSED / NEW

X. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of Council by, a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that changes have been published in writing at the previous meeting. Within ninety (90) days, at an open meetings where Residents can participate, such amendment must be ratified by two-thirds 2/3 vote of Residents present and voting. Prior notice, of at least 15 days, must have been given to Residents of the original bylaw and the proposed amendment.

Circle your choice.

I vote [**in favor of**] [**against**] the proposed change to the Bylaws.

----- **Proposed Amendment #8** -----

ORIGINAL / OLD

XI. Rules of Order

Each general meeting will follow the agenda as prepared by the Executive Committee. Robert's Rules of Order will be followed unless the council wishes to change or add to the rules to suit the wishes of the majority.

PROPOSED / NEW

XI. Parliamentary Authority (Rules of Order)

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Council may adopt.

Circle your choice.

I vote [**in favor of**] [**against**] the proposed change to the Bylaws.